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BEDROOMS AND CLOTHES CLOSETS

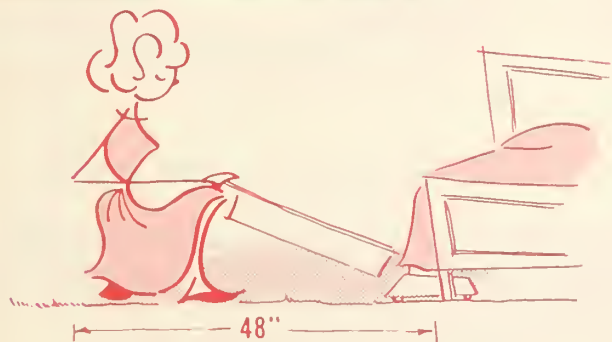
Here are some general reminders to aid you in planning the bedrooms for your home. A three-bedroom house is considered minimal for the average family, and a bedroom on the first floor of a two-story house is very convenient. Locate the bedrooms, if possible, to take

advantage of prevailing breezes. Provide a direct entrance from a hallway to each bedroom. Remember that hallways, closets, and bookshelves help to insulate bedrooms from noisy living areas.

SPACE REQUIREMENTS FOR

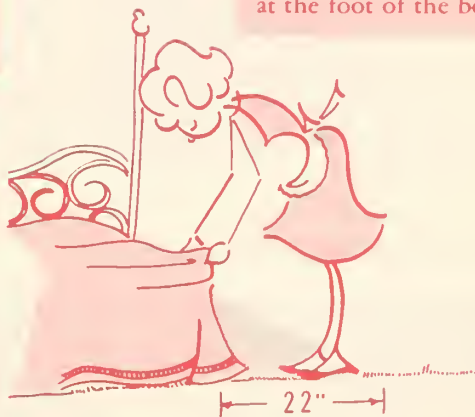
CLEANING UNDER THE BED - -

48 inches is needed. You may have to move a piece of furniture to provide this amount of space.



MAKING THE BED - -

Allow 22 inches at either side and at the foot of the bed.



USING THE CLOSET - -

Allow 36 inches in front of the closet. For dressing, 42 inches is needed.



USING THE DRESSER - -

Allow 40 inches in front of the dresser.



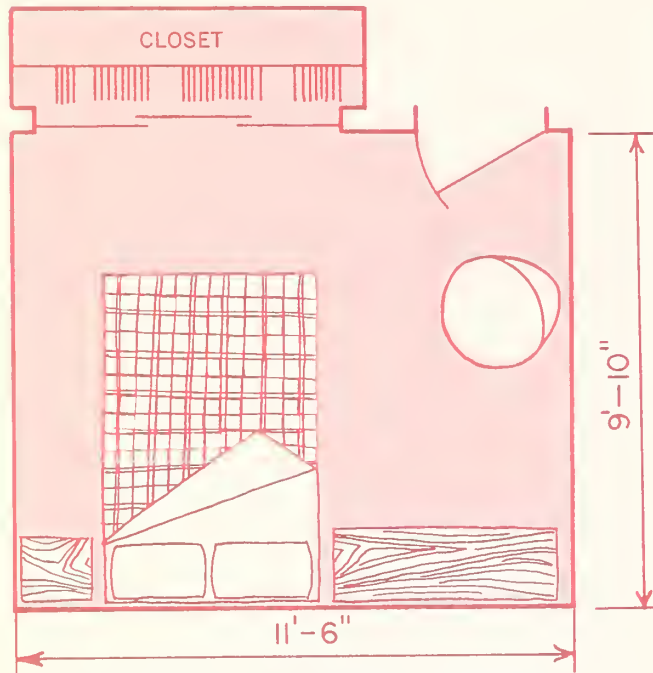
SUGGESTED BED

The bedroom plans on these two pages show the minimum size rooms, with closet and entrance to the room located as shown, for double beds, twin beds, and single beds. The recommended amount of space has been allowed for using the dresser, making the bed, using the

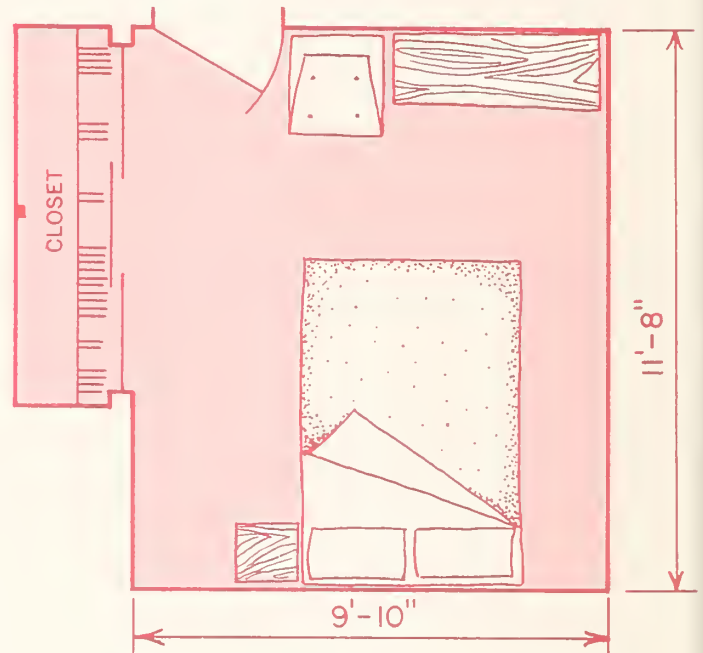
closet, and cleaning.

In a room with parallel twin beds, only one bed should have to be moved for cleaning and making.

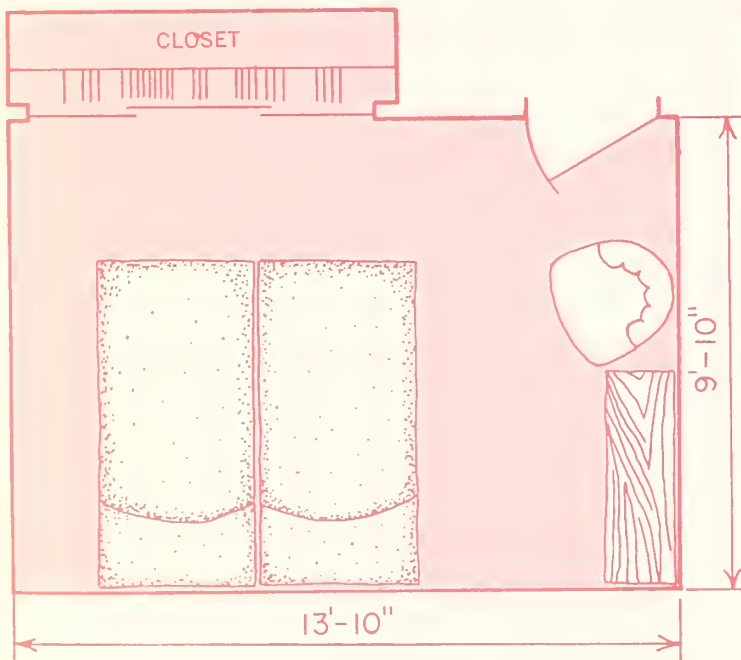
Locate the dresser or chest so you have access to it from the hall door without having to go around the bed



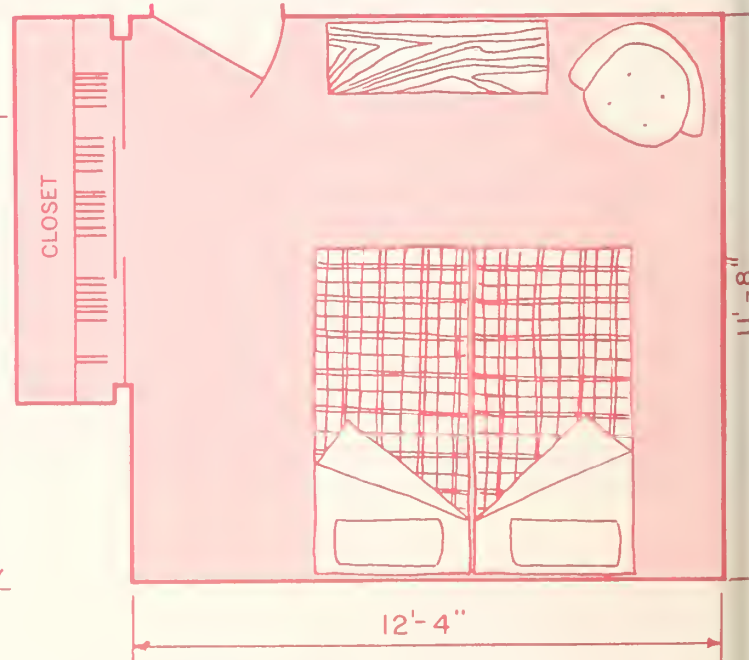
Double bed opposite closet.



Double bed on wall adjacent to closet wall.



Twin beds opposite closet.



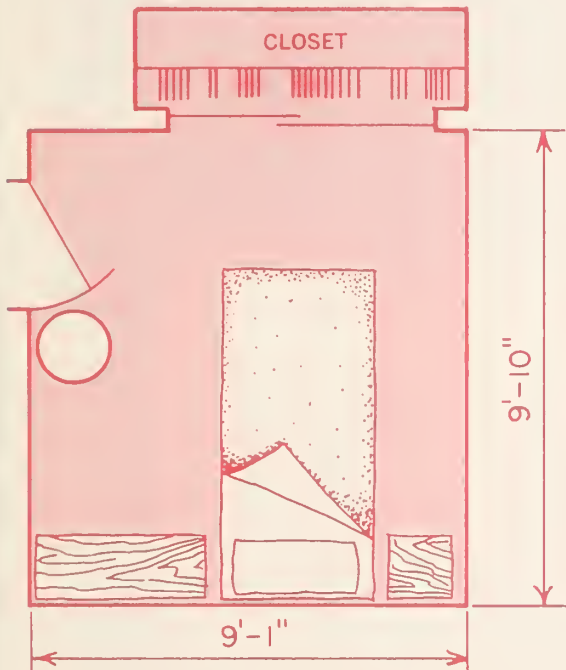
Twin beds on wall adjacent to closet wall.

ARRANGEMENTS

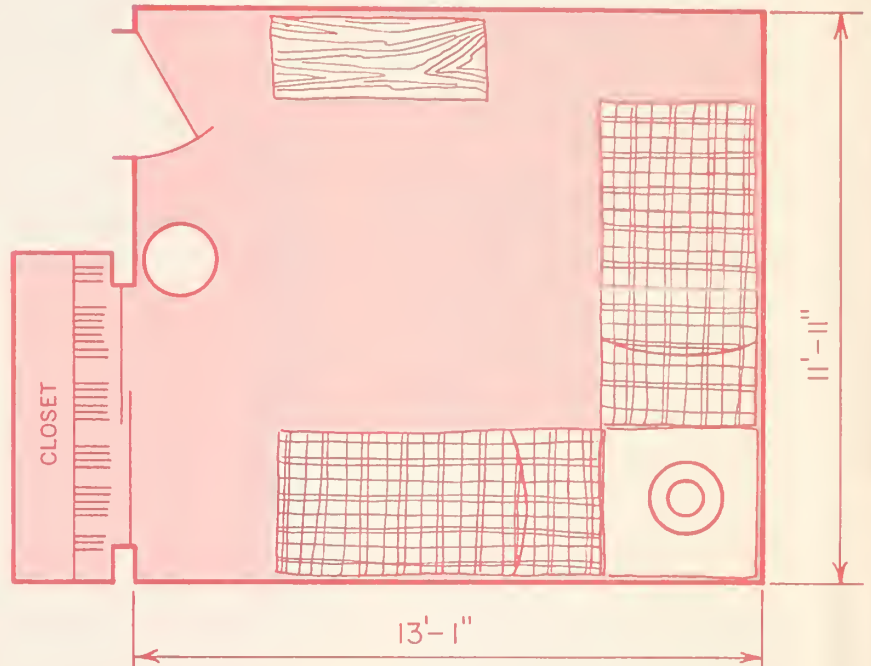
to get to it. Since bedroom furniture is heavy, few pieces should have to be moved when the room is cleaned.

The location of windows and doors in bedrooms should be considered in relation to furniture arrangement. In the planning stage, it is often possible to

relocate windows and doors so that better use can be made of floor space. At least one window in each bedroom should be low enough so that a person can see out from a sitting position. For safety in case of fire, one window should provide easy exit.



Single bed opposite closet.

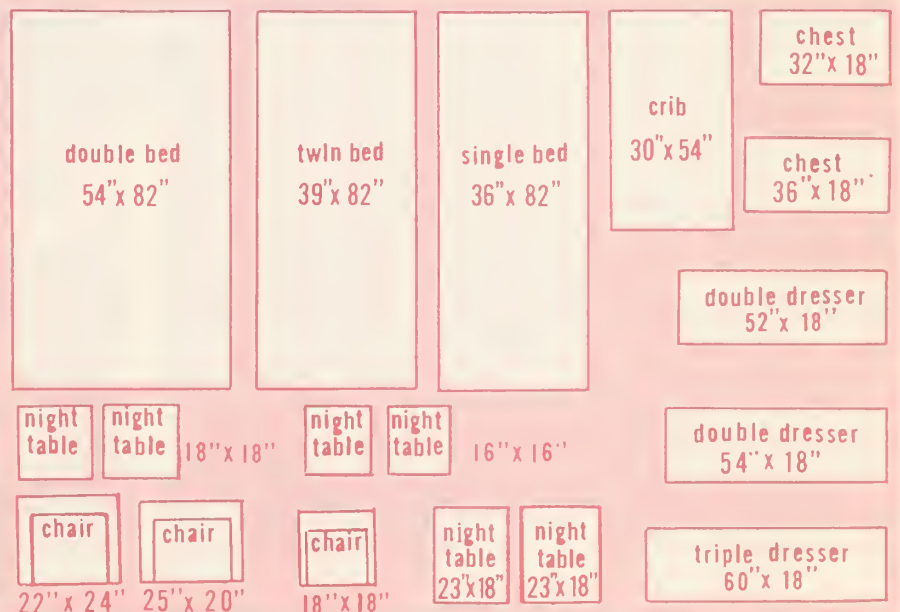


Twin beds at right angles.

BEDROOM FURNITURE CUTOUTS

Use cutouts like these, drawn to $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch scale, to try different furniture arrangements on your floor plan. Trace the drawings that most nearly represent the size of your furniture, and cut out your tracings.

OVERALL BED SIZES		
Type	Width/in.	Length/in.
Crib	30	54
Youth	35	68
Cot	30	78
Single	36	82
Twin	39	82
Small $\frac{3}{4}$	42	82
Large $\frac{3}{4}$	48	82
Double	54	82
Queen	60	82
King	78	82

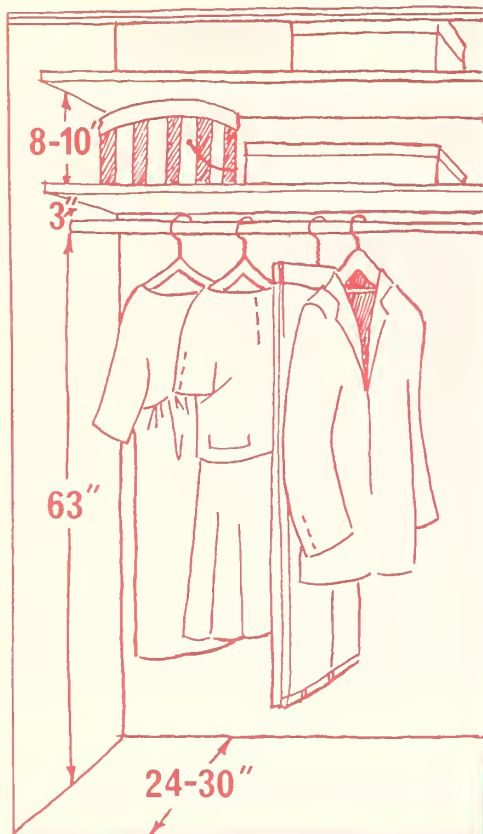


CLOTHES CLOSETS

Clothing should be stored at or near the place where garments are put on and taken off.

The recommended dimensions for depth (front-to-back) and height (vertical) are more or less standard and

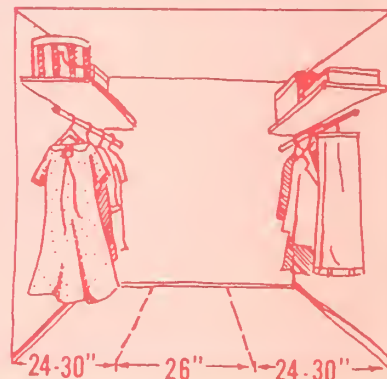
do not depend on the number of garments to be stored. The width or lateral dimension varies with the number and kind of garments.



For accessibility, reach-in closets should have a full-front opening. A closet with a conventional door limits the storage space on the sides and near the ceiling. Doors for full-front closet openings can be sliding, folding (accordion-type), or hinged.



Walk-in closets that have clothing rods on opposite walls should have 26 inches of free floor space for passage. A conventional door is satisfactory for walk-in closets.



APPROXIMATE ROD SPACE REQUIRED PER GARMENT

Garment	Inches
Men's and Boys'	
Overcoats	3 1/2
Topcoats, jackets	2 1/2
Suits	3
Trousers, shirts, raincoats	2
Women's and Girls'	
Coats	4
Suits	3
Dresses, jackets, raincoats	2
Skirts, blouses	1 1/2

MINIMUM LENGTHS OF RODS FOR BEDROOM CLOSETS 1/

Bedroom Closet Locations	Closet Used for Storing	
	All Clothing (ft.)	All Except Coats (ft.)
Master	8	7
Second	9	7 1/2
Other	7	6 1/2

RODS FOR CLOTHES CLOSETS

Material	Maximum Width Between Supports (ft.)
1 1/8" Wood	3
1 3/8" Wood	4
1 5/8" Wood	5
3/4" Pipe	6
1" Pipe	8
1 1/4" Pipe	10

¹Chore clothes excluded.

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